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ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

FRANK HODGES AND THE NAVY.

UNION LEADER MINISTER OF TRANSPORT.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

LONDON, January 24.
Mr. Frank Hodges has been appointed Civil Lord of the Admiralty and Mr. Harry Gosling Minister of Transport.

[The Civil Lord of the Admiralty is not a member of the Cabinet. He draws £4,500 a year. The Minister of Transport, who is also not a member of the Cabinet, draws no salary. In the Baldwin Cabinet the Marquess of Linlithgow was Civil Lord of the Admiralty and the Rt. Hon. Sir John Balfour, Bt., Minister of Transport.]

Mr. Frank Hodges, J. P., has been General Secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain since 1918. At the age of six he began work in a coal mine and worked as a collier until he was twenty-one. He began as Miners' Agent in 1912. Appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Coal Mines in 1919, he later joined the Committee of the Labour Party, became Secretary of the Miners' International Federation, a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, and Governor of Birbeck College, London. His publications include "Nationalisation of Mines," and "Workers Control in Industry."

Mr. Harry Gosling, C.H., J.P., has been Labour M.P. for Whitechapel since 1923. He is President of the Transport and General Workers' Union and Leader of the Labour Party on the London County Council.

RECOGNISING RUSSIA.

LONDON, January 24.
Reuter learns that it can now be stated definitely that should the Russian Government be accorded recognition by Britain the appointment of Capt. James O'Grady as Ambassador to Moscow will be announced immediately. The opinion is expressed in Ministerial circles that diplomatic recognition of Russia is a foregone conclusion from the result of the general election and the attitude of manufacturers generally.

Captain James O'Grady, J.P., Labour M.P. for East Leeds since 1906, has represented South-East Leeds since 1918. He is Secretary of the National Federation of General Workers. From 1915 to 1918 he was with the British, French, Russian and American troops in various theatres of war. In the spring of 1917 he was sent by the Government on a Special Mission to Russia; also to meet a representative of the Russian Soviet Government at Copenhagen and negotiate the exchange of British prisoners of war and the repatriation of all British civilians at that time in Soviet Russia. He was Captain on the General List and in 1918 he was allocated for Special Recruiting Work in Ireland.

GOOD LUCK YEAR.

LEADING BANKER'S HOPES.

BRITAIN'S GREATNESS.

LONDON, January 24.
Mr. Walter Leaf, presiding at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank, voiced a definite feeling of confidence and hope that in the coming year Britain would resume her place as a leading nation. The London market, he said, was the best for the foreign borrower. Foreign and colonial loans issued last year amounted to £130,000,000. These overseas loans formed the best foundation for the expansion of the export trade.

The fact that imports had risen from £1,003,000,000 to £1,098,000,000 while we were simultaneously lending freely abroad conclusively proved the satisfactory growth of invisible exports; but while the outlook was good any real advance was conditional on the absence of serious labour disputes, anxiety regarding which constituted the darkest spot on the horizon.

CLOUD OF WAR.

It was in vain to talk of prosperity while the shadow of veiled war hung over Central Europe. The industrial collapse of Germany was complete. The new currency of the Rentenmark as soon as it was thrown open to sale and purchase would follow its predecessor, the Reichsmark. One thing was certain—payment of reparations by Germany was only possible through the excess of German exports over imports. We must be prepared to accept German goods on an unheard-of scale—mostly in direct competition with our own. It was impossible to contemplate with equanimity an increase in Germany's competitive world trade by 40 per cent. over her best year, 1913, which was requisite for the payment of reparations.

Mr. Leaf concluded that the election had dissipated the fears of rash experiments like the capital levy. Hence there was no occasion for alarm by nervous amateur investors.

Chairman of the Westminster Bank, Mr. Leaf is one of the leading financial authorities in the country. He was one of the founders of the London Chamber of Commerce, of which he afterwards became Chairman. He was President of the Institute of Bankers from 1919 to 1921.

COLLISION IN HARBOUR.

PORT SAID, January 24.
The Dutch steamer "Vondel," from Batavia to Amsterdam, collided in port with the British steamer "Padua," from the Tercs to Yokohama, en route to her moorings. The damage to the former was slight, and she is proceeding on her voyage. The damage to the latter was all above the top deck and she expects to sail on Sunday.

BLACK OUTLOOK.

RAILWAY STRIKE CONTINUES.

WORKERS OB DURATE.

MANAGERS' MIDNIGHT LETTER.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

LONDON, January 24.
The Executive of the Locomotive Drivers' Union has decided to inform the railway managers that the strike must continue.

The reply of the railway managers to Mr. Bromley in a letter sent at midnight emphasises that the managers are not prepared to discuss any revision of the decision of the National Wages Board, but if the Locomotive Drivers' Executive will indicate the "existing differences" they have in mind, a meeting will be arranged if the differences are such as can usefully be discussed at present.

\$100,000 LOAN.

INQUIRY INTO OIL LEASES.

MR. FALL'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, January 24.
Mr. Doheny, a Californian oil operator, testifying before the Senate Committee which is investigating charges against former Secretary Fall in connection with the Teadome oil leases, stated that he lent Fall \$100,000 on November 30, 1921. The loan was made by witness personally. The money did not belong to any oil company in which he was interested. The purpose of the loan was to enable Fall to enlarge his ranch holdings in New Mexico. There was no discussion at the time of any contract between the Government and the Doheny oil interest. The loan had no relation to any subsequent transactions relative to oil leases. Mr. Doheny declared that he left Los Angeles on January 17 in order to give this information, travelling via New Orleans to apprise Fall of his intention. Mr. Doheny regretted not giving the facts when previously before the Committee but to have done so would have been "volunteering" something in no way connected with the facts or with the pan-American Petroleum Transport Company. He declared he had known Fall intimately for thirty years. His only thought was to help an old friend. He had intended to require Fall to repay the loan. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Doheny's attorney suggested that President Coolidge should be asked to appoint a board of experts to examine all the facts regarding the contracts with the pan-American Oil Company and if the board reported that the contracts at time of making were not wise, desirable, or advantageous for the Government the Company would reconvey to the Government all interests under such contracts. —*Reuter's American Service.*

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS.

LONDON, January 24.
The report of the sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee dealing with co-ordination among the Army, the Navy and the Air Force has dismissed as impracticable the proposals for subordinating the ministerial heads of the three services to a Minister of Defence or of amalgamating the three services.

On the other hand the report expresses the opinion that the existing system of co-ordination by the Imperial Defence Committee is not sufficient to secure full initiative responsibility and needs strengthening.

[Some months ago a mild political sensation was created by the news that Admiral Beatty and other distinguished Naval men had threatened to resign if the dispute over the control of the Air Force was settled against the Navy. The committee mentioned above was appointed as an outcome.]

BLOCKADE AVERTED.

WASHINGTON, January 24.

Upon receipt of advices by the State Department that the rebel leaders had definitely and absolutely abandoned the blockade, the cruiser "Richmond" has been ordered to withdraw from Tampico.

It is understood that when salvage work on the wrecked "Tacoma," is completed the cruiser "Omaha" and six American destroyers at Vera Cruz will also be recalled. —*Reuter's American Service.*

[Tampico, a town of 23,000 people, nine miles from the Gulf of Mexico, was threatened with blockade by the Mexican rebels. Vera Cruz is a port on the Gulf of Mexico. It has a population of 29,000.]

COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY?

PARIS, January 24.

A message from Mayence states that in consequence of information by soldiers, the French police discovered a Communist conspiracy to distribute anti-militarist propaganda among French troops.

It is stated that over seventy arrests have been made, including many Germans.

[Mayence is a fortified town on the River Rhine with a population of 110,634.]

(Other new cables will be found on page 4.)

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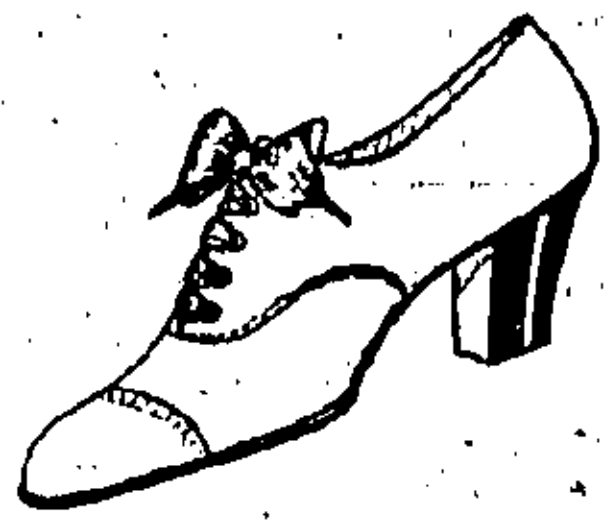
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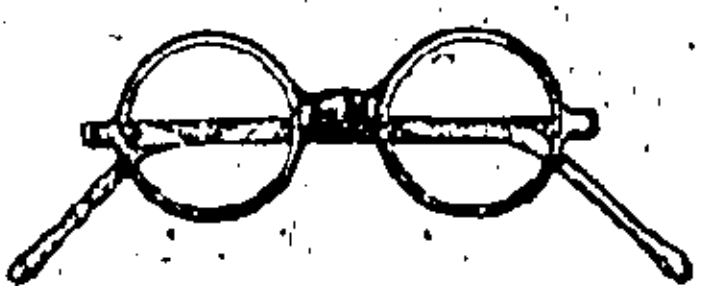
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BIRTH.

RAILTON.—At Kobe, on January
17th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L.
Railton, a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 1924.

THE LATEST.

The difficulty in saying anything
new and helpful on the question of
piracy—and particularly the latest,
the "Tai Lee" case—has been admitted.
We have been particularly modest
hoping for the best as the result of
the combined efforts of the Govern-
ment, its friends of the Chamber of
Commerce and the experts who
know all there is to know. We are
inclined to doubt that anyone has
the needed solution to a matter
which has become a sort of terror.
Suggestion is piled on suggestion
and the mind reels at the
thought, and staggers with the
weight of them. Each has his own
fancy and the men who man
the ships and are urged to resist to
the last, in particular. When the
"Tai Lee" affair was added to the
others on the long list of piracies,
a fatal skipper informed us that
what was needed was photo-
graphs of all the men, signed
as seamen, so that those

in charge might know who
were with them on board, and
whose "face" could be black-listed
should be proved undesirable. It is
a suggestion and who are we to
condemn it as unwelcome and
fanciful? It was uttered in all
seriousness by a man of the sea
who ought to know. Our corre-
spondent who signed himself "One
Who Trades to Kongmoon" has
delivered himself of some thought-
ful lines in connection with piracy
matters and is so outstandingly fair
in his comments that more than a
passing thought should be given to
what he says. It is the surprise
element—that is the point—he
observes and then having delivered
himself of this more than obvious
truth, proceeds to expose a state of
affairs which admits of no denial.
It is the one which has reference to
ships sailing to such places as Kong-
moon keeping each other company.
This "keeping company" on this
particular run has either been lost
sight of or wilfully ignored. We
should hesitate to suggest that this
procedure would "put off" pirates,
especially where the personal
interest, to which our correspondent
refers, is lacking, but given this
absolute concentrated interest and
avoiding altogether the element of
chance or the taking of, even the
smallest risk, would seemingly "put
deeper" the desperate, unscrupulous
and treacherous men, whose ingenuity
and courage is being put to such

base uses. When every avenue of
prevention has been explored and
every sane suggestion such as the
one referred to by our correspondent,
considered and if necessary, tried,
we cannot very well adopt the
more than alleged anarchistic device
of blowing certain parts of the coun-
try or coast side to bits.

Burns.

It may seem strange that Scots-
men—who generally speak success-
fully wherever they go, should meet to
pay homage to a man who, as the
world judges success, was eminently
a failure, for of Burns it can be said
he was a successful failure. And
yet it is possible to think of what
might have been the position of
affairs if Burns had added to himself
material success—probably no
haunting lines to enrich the world's
literature, to kindle the blood, and
to point those word pictures
that are for all time. Burns in-
herited qualities from his sire that
brought him to the depth of material
failure, but raised him to the
pinnacle of what we may well term
the spiritual. Men, recognising the
futility of human nature and how
easy it is to "slip over," are prob-
ably drawn to Burns on this account,
as they otherwise might not be by
the imperishable written things he
has left behind. We are not
familiar with the holding of "A
Burns Night," and how the pro-
ceedings are managed. There will
be "the flowing bowl" and doubt-
less the eulogy of the poet's many-
sided qualities and the quotations
from his verse which are so popular.
This is probably the best way to
spend "A Burns Night." We do
not pretend to know. We do know
that it is an excellent thing that,
far removed from home and the
intimate surroundings so intimately
known by Burns, Scotsmen can so
readily and willingly meet to do
honour to one who, if his greed was
a matter of care-free,

"If we lived life of pleasure,
Does it matter how or where?"

possessed certain qualities which are
worthy of emulation.

Prize-Givings.

It is a statistician could be found
able and willing to make enquiries
into what are now known as
"Annual Prize Distributions," the
result of his labours would be
infinitely interesting. The number
of Annual Reports written and read
are beyond all reason, and with
certain important exceptions, are as
interesting as a stale joke. They
generally remind us of the hymn
whose opening line is "Tell me the
old story," but are not half as
interesting as the repetition of that
"old story" is said to be. Then
there are those benevolent people
who are called upon to make
speeches. They generally adopt a
Samuel Smiles attitude, and their
words of wisdom are well meant—
for they speak with the tongue of
wisdom and of experience. The
most unhappy people concerned
are undoubtedly the scholars and
the young men of the press—the
youth of the world who early, we
regret to say, lose their illusions.
It is nice to be successful, but our
sympathy is all on the side of the
scholar whose name is not paraded
for the qualities of inherent clever-
ness it does not possess. Human
nature being what it is in Hong-
kong, we presume we shall always
have these annual exhibitions—or
prize-givings, but would it not be
nice to give them a miss for one
year, or say let the next one be an
united gathering of all the schools
in some open and pleasant part of
the Colony? It would be a wonder-
ful witness to the extent of the
educational effort being attempted,
and we think, prove chastening, for
often in our own little part of the
world we are inclined to forget that
others are working in the vineyard.
And wouldn't it save time?

Like all good
CHARIVARIA. Curio Cabinets
Donald's has a pier in it.

We see a new Insurance Com-
pany has been formed. It will be
taking great risks.

The reason for the hurried
General Election is now known.
The Government heard of the
discovery of a nest of prehistoric
eggs in Mongolia.

The Government is said to have
appointed Mr. C. N. Orme to be
acting head of the Education
Department. Will he be known
as the Great Orme's Head?

European hotel men are visiting
America. To get some tips?

A woman has been arrested for
voting three times. Poor thing,
she was probably only changing
her mind.

It seems unreasonable, but the
head never begins to swell until
the mind stops growing.

From all accounts it appears
there is plenty of work
for mechanics and engineers in
America. Hands across the sea
are wanted.

"Stage and Society owe much
to the hairdresser," says Miss José
Collins. We are not allowed to
sign a chick even.

"I seem to be out of touch with
everybody lately" writes a dis-
contented one. We too are on the
telephone.

Narrator (describing a
L.A.R.F. fire): Then we see old
Jim at the top window.
We hollered to him to jump and
we would catch him in our tar-
paulin. So he jumps and gets
smashed to bits on the street.
Talk about larf! We hadn't no
tarpaulin!!!

We understand there
is a hitch in Mr.
Fletcher's 40-years
lease scheme. Like Gilbert's
skin-milk it is not what it seems.
We have just come across the
following in a Home paper and
wonder why such a scheme could
not be started here. Southend
Corporation is to be asked to con-
sider a novel housing scheme,
under which a man will be able to
obtain a freehold six-roomed house,
with a bathroom, at a rent which,
after nineteen years, falls to 9d. a
week and vanishes altogether the
following year.

The scheme has been evolved
by Councillor John Mitchell, a
member of the Buildings Com-
mittee. The conditions are: First
payment of £40; balance of £440
to be on mortgage at 5 per cent.
per annum, and liquidated by
weekly payments of 5s. 5d. for 20
years.

In addition, the householder to
pay a weekly rental of 8s. 6d. for
the first year, which declines year-
ly until in the nineteenth year it
is only 9d. The house becomes
the purchaser's property at the end
of the twentieth year.

In the event of death or desire
to leave the district, the prospec-
tive buyer is to have returned to
him the Government subsidy of £6
year for each completed year of
occupancy, plus all money paid to-
wards redemption of the mortgage.

You're like the
man as leapt o'er
the mare, you
cannot do but you o'er-do.
Muckle cry and little woo', as
the deil said when he clippit the
soo.

Muckle has, would aye hae mair,
You're aye o' the tender Gordons
you're feared to be hangt for hurt-
ing your neck.

A new pair o' breeks will cast
down an auld coat.
Ye hae' guld mairners, but ye
dinna carry them about wi' ye.
A dish o' married love sune
grows cauld.

Who says there is no wit in
Spain. Hard to this.—An in-
pecunious tenant had not paid
the rent of his room for several
months.

"Look here," said the land-
lord, "I'll meet you half-way, I
am ready to forget half of what
you owe!"

"Right, I'll meet you. I'll
forget the other half."

To-day's Poem.

Once as He stood beside her knee
and read
She drew His lovely head
Close to her breast in mother-sweet
embrace.
But as He raised His face
She saw the sudden tears that filled
His eyes.
And saddened with surprise.
Why should his little Son be moved
like this?

At His fair mother's kiss?
The long years passed. Then fell
the dolorous tide
Shadowed and prophesied.
John entered trembling to the
mother's side
And told the whole sad tale—
The garden scene, and the foul
artifice
Of the betrayer's kiss.
And so she understood, that night
of woe,
His tears of long ago.

—F. REYNOLDS.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

1717. We had such a terrible storm
to-day, that, going to Lord
Bolingbroke's, I saw a hun-
dred flies fallen down, and one
swinger fell about forty yards
before me, that have killed a
horse; so after church and
court, I walked through the
Park, and took a chair to
Lord-Treasurer's. Next door
to his house, a tin chimney-
pot had fallen down, with a
hundred bricks. It is grown
calm this evening. I wonder
had you such a wind to-day?
I hate it as much as any boy
does.—Swift.

LEARN.

Learn to distinguish between self-
respect and conceit. One is indis-
pensable; the other is contemptible.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 25.—Coronet Theatre;
"One Exciting Night."
January 25.—Star Theatre;
"The City of Silent Men."
January 25.—World Theatre;
"Two Kinds of Women."

January 25.—Burn's Night Din-
ner in the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
February 4.—Grand Chinese
Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel
Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society
Dinner.

LAND SALE.
January 28.—At P.W.D. Offices,
one lot of Crown land at Conduit
Road, at 3 p.m.

AUCTIONS.
January 28.—Lammert Bros., at
Godown, No. 18, The H.K. Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, Miscellaneous Goods,
10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

January 29.—Lammert Bros., at
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., Kennedy
Town, one gas engine, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
January 28.—Twenty-third ordi-
nary general meeting of share-
holders of the Hongkong Land
Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson
and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordi-
nary general meeting of sharehold-
ers of the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Co., Ltd., at
Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices
11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred and
fourth ordinary meeting of share-
holders of the Hongkong-Canton
and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at
the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary
yearly meeting of shareholders of
the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the
registered office of the Company,
No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central,
3 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.
February 4.—General Meeting
of the Hongkong Jockey Club in
the Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

EXHIBITION.
January 28-29.—Exhibition of
paintings at the City Hall.

LECTURE.
January 25.—Lecture to Children
by Lt. R. R. Beauchamp, at Helena
May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at
6.06 p.m.

T. T. exchange on London is
2.4½% on Shanghai 70½.

Ten fresh cases of small-pox
were notified yesterday.

In Queen's Road, West yester-
day, a coolie (35) was accidentally
knocked down and injured by
private motor-car No. 439.

A boulder dislodged by blast-
ing at the Chen Kwong brickworks,
Castle Peak, struck a coolie
engaged in the work, with such
force, that he was killed.

In connection with the strike
of soy factory-men, a Chinese was
charged, before Mr. G. N. Orme
this morning, with intimidating
two workers who on coming out
of their factory, were stopped in
Hollywood Road where defendant
was arrested. Mr. D. McCallum
appeared to prosecute and Mr.
R. E. A. Webster defended. The
case was remanded.

From Tuesday to Friday of
this week the performances at the
Tai Ping Theatre are being con-
ducted under the auspices of
certain members of The Diocesan
Boys' School who have secured the
services of the well-known Yan
Sau Lian Company from Canton.
The interior of the theatre has been
decorated with red silk given
through the kindness of The Sun
Company and at the back is a
large silk bat emblematic of good
fortune. Both ancient and modern
plays are being shown and it is
interesting to note the introduction
of scenery into the Chinese theatre
of to-day. Several large firms have
assisted liberally with gifts, while
no small credit is due to the pro-
motors of the scheme.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., is
leaving for Hongkong by the
"Macedonia" on Saturday. Until
recently he was for many years
Organist at St. John's Cathedral
and during that time did much by
means of recitals to raise funds
for renovating the organ. He also
gave a series of recitals for war
charities. Mr. Fuller has also
given many pianoforte recitals and
was recognised as an artist of
great skill and ability. To the
great regret of a wide circle of
friends he has been, in ill health
during the past three or four years,
and has spent many months in the
Peak Hospital. He is now bidding
farewell to the Colony and his
many friends will hope that he will
benefit by the change of climate.

PIRATES CAUGHT?
SEQUEL TO THE "TAI LEE" ATTACK.

REPORTED ARRESTS.

INQUIRIES REGARDING BOATSWAIN.

Rumours were current in the Colony yesterday afternoon that a
number of arrests had been made in connection with the piracy of the
s.s. "Tai Lee." These rumours were followed by reports in the Canton
vernacular papers and this morning's local Chinese press.

As far as can be ascertained, one of the alleged pirates returned
to the Colony and was conversing with a woman, believed to be the
leader's wife, when they were arrested together with two other women.
This was followed by the arrest of two men in Canton who are stated
to have taken part in the piracy. It is said that they have already
been brought down to Hongkong but this has not been confirmed by
inquiries on the Canton steamers.

In one quarter it has been said that these arrests have been made
on suspicion while from another source it is learned that the police
have very definite grounds and that some result has been obtained
from inquiries regarding the boatswain.

RUGGER RAGGINGS.

[By "Scrimmage"]

Whisky is a fine stimulant—
medical practitioners eulogise
its virtues in certain cases—but it
has remained for a local firm to
advocate it as a good thing to
train on. My advice is leave it
alone until after the match. Pos-
sibly superfluous advice because
I don't think Rugger players
drink whisky. Do they Bill?

I have come across an article
by H. P. Marshall which has in-
terested me very much. He asks
"what is it that distinguishes a
great player of Rugby Football
from a merely good player?" and
"Is it better to have on your side
a man who makes no mistakes
but also makes no amazing open-
ings, or a man who makes the
opening but counteracts them
with mistakes?"

After insisting that soundness
is the base that must be looked for
in great players, Marshall cites
A. L. Gracie for his "unexpected-
ness" and W. W. Wakefield for
his speed, stressing at the same
time that if Gracie was not sound
in his defence as well as bril-
liant in his interceptions etc. and
Wakefield possessed nothing but
speed they would not be worth
playing in a Club side.

Tom Voece he describes as the
only wing forward in England with
whom he would care to play (He
doesn't like wing forwards), de-
scribing him as an ubiquitous
player with his genius for being
in the place where the ball is com-
ing.

It is the last paragraph of the
article that took my fancy how-
ever and in repeating it as it was
written I commend it to all players
out here as being worthy of lots of
consideration.
"That is all very well for
genius, but when lesser forwards
evidently copy his (Tom Voece)
methods the result is that "Vault-
ing" ambition doth o'erleap itself,"
and some very regrettable hanging
about offside is the consequence.
I want no wingers. Give me an
honest, heavy, intelligent pack,
halves who realize that they are
links in the chain leading to the
wings, centres who understand
that the ball goes from inside to
outside, and outsiders who don't
stop or kick but run for the line
like blazes, and that team will put
up a good show against any side
of theorists in the world."

The Club team for the match
Navy v. Club to-morrow is as
follows:—

King;
Skinner, Powker, Morrison, Lee;
Smythe and Clerk.
Forsyth, Ralston, Day, Jones,
Jordain, Cleland, Miller, Groves.
Smythe I am pleased to see
turning out although he has had
no practice this year. Cleland
forward instead of three is quite
sound. Lee at wing three is a bit
of a departure but I hear that he
handles quite well and has a
useful turn of speed. If that is the
case he should be very useful
with the weight he has got. The
remainder of team I have com-
mented on before and I don't
think there is anything further
needed. The side looks very
useful on paper. The kick-off is
timed for 4 p.m.

The match to-morrow practically
decides the resting place of
the Cup this year as should the
Club win or draw it is theirs.
Should the Navy win I hear
that the replay will have to
be mid-week and I am afraid that that would
be fatal for the Club. So do your
best Navy; it will be a change if
you can bring it off. Personally I
am very optimistic regarding your
chances.

What is all this I hear about the
old "corks" match. It should be
interesting. I don't know who
each would be eligible but with
such people as Hegarty, Thoson,
Moncrieff, Dredon, Campbell,
Grimmett, Hamilton, Claxton,
Whyte, Wood, Burlingham, etc.,
they should give the Club a good
game for about twenty minutes
each way. I would like to see the
match, fructify.

LENIN'S FUNERAL.

RED COFFIN COVERED
WITH FLAGS.

SUCCESSORS NAMED.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

RIGA, January 24.
A message from Moscow states
that the body of Lenin in a red
coffin covered with wreaths and
flags was brought to the city with
much ceremony, accompanied by
the widow and relatives. Hundreds
of delegates conveyed the coffin
through draped streets lined by
troops to the Trade Union House
where guards of honour composed
of prominent officials took ten
minute turns on guard. The public
was admitted to view.

It is stated that the Congress of
Soviets will elect Kameneff,
Rykov and Tsurupa joint succes-
sors in the Presidency of Com-
missars. There will be no change
in home or foreign policy.

BRAZIL'S RESOURCES.

BRITISH ENTERPRISE.

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 24.
Members of the British Fi-
nancial Economic Mission to Brazil
have been appointed honorary
members of the local Commercial
Association.

Mr. Edwin S. Montagu, in a
speech to the Assembly of the
Association, declared that British
capital would continue to go to
Brazil as Britain was desirous of
being in the forefront of economic
co-operation with Brazil.
[The Rt. Hon. Mr. Edwin
S. Montagu began his career as
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Chancellor of the Exchequer in
1906. Among the high official
posts he has held have been
Financial Secretary to the Treasury,
Minister of Munitions a member
of the War Committee and Secre-
tary of State for India. He de-
finitely retired from politics when
he resigned the last post fol-
lowing the scandal over the
Amritsar shooting incident. Mr.
Montagu comes from that very
orthodox Jewish family which
controls the prosperous bullion
broking firm of Samuel Montagu
and Co., in Old Broad Street E.C.,
whose main business is the buying
and selling of silver. Inheriting
the financial acumen of his race,
Mr. Montagu is credited with the
invention of the War Savings
Certificate.]

PANEL DOCTORS' FEES.

LONDON, January 24.
The court of enquiry has fixed
the panel doctor's capitation fee at
9s. recommending that this remain
in force for three years.

JAPANESE SQUADRON.

SYDNEY, January 24.
The Japanese Squadron has
arrived here. It was heartily
welcomed. The State Govern-
ment gave a dinner to the Admiral
and other officers. An extensive
programme of entertainments has
been arranged.

NAVAL BASE.

SINGAPORE SCHEME
ABANDONED.

LABOUR'S DECISION.

LONDON, January 25.
According to the Westminster
Gazette, the Government has
already decided to abandon the
Singapore scheme in the interests
of economy.

game for about twenty minutes
each way. I would like to see the
match, fructify.
As I have been writing the good
old rain has been coming down.
May it continue until the start of
the match.

HONGKONG FLAPPERS.

SWEET YOUNG THINGS OF ABOUT SEVENTEEN.

[BY JOHN SINCLAIR.]

A year ago I was bemoaning the fact that there were no flappers in the Far East. But now in Hongkong I find I am wrong. The flappers flap giddily all over the Colony and I am feeling quite young again. There is one in my Boarding House who reminds me of days long ago when I thought I was a dashing young man, wore long trousers for the first time and put on a bowler hat. Them was the days, as Sam Weller remarked.

This young flapper—by flapper, I mean a girl who is too young to wear long skirts, but old enough to put up her hair—look me up by surprise. Last night at dinner she broke away from the eagle eye of her mother and calmly set the Victrola going. Half way through that infectious "Chansonette" she asked me to dance. She appealed so bewitchingly that I could hardly refuse and I stammered like a student hauled up before the headmaster. I was amazed at myself. An experienced bachelor like me, who has a past that would fill a volume (and one day I am going to write it) stammering and almost blushing before a seventeen-year-old wisp of a girl! Sir, I was honestly ashamed of myself. But that's how the world goes; other bachelors have been the same.

Anyway, I danced with her once, twice, until she implored me to dance again. As my American friends would say I don't shake a mean leg and I discovered that however old a man is, he is only as old as he feels. I am forty—but never mind, I danced six dances with the sweet young thing and promised to come in earlier to dinner to-night. She liked my new steps. I showed her Shanghai's latest and heartily regretted that Hongkong was still conservative and still danced the same as they did twenty years ago.

Yes, flappers are prevalent in Hongkong; excuse my malapropism. And they are charming creatures; they are a breath of air from Home. Very rarely do you see one of the species in Shanghai or Peking for they are about as rare as the phoenix. Flappers are purely a British characteristic. That is why Hongkong still retains its British atmosphere and may it long continue so.

Yet there was one thing I did not like about this flapper at my Boarding House. She used cosmetics! I am not one of those Aunt Agathas who think that a little dab of powder and a little dab of paint leads a girl to cock-tails and the devil, but I like to see them used artistically. This seventeen-year-old thing had overdone it. By and by, she will acquire the art—I will give her another year and then she will be a real heart-breaker. To be frank, I must say that this overdoing of cosmetics has often proved a married man's downfall. There is more than one girl who has left a cupid's bow on my top lip especially at Christmas-time, when the only introduction necessary is a sprig of mistletoe.

I remember one girl—she was twenty-eight—who had worked up the cosmetic art to a supreme note of excellency. She did not boast about it, but she did not object to my telling her that the orange blush she wore just suited her complexion. Her hair was copper-coloured, her glistening eyes were grey, her lips ruby red, but her eyebrows—which were alluring in the evening—were black! One day she showed me how it was done. Just with the aid of a few dozen bottles, brushes and various other things I cannot describe, being a mere male who modestly uses a little bay rum now and again to prevent that old age coming on, she was transformed.

Hongkong mothers, I admire your flapper daughters for the remembrance of days at Home, but watch them with the cold cream and the "Maiden's Friend." If they have to use it, be discreet. Too much powder hides the beauty of a flapper and besides I hardly think it is necessary. Don't forget that old stand-by which I have seen in every autograph album:—

Little grains of powder
Little dabs of paint
Make a girl's complexion
Look like what it ain't.

Standing on the footboard of motor-car No. 692 as it was going down Hill Road yesterday, a car-washer had his hat blown off by the wind. In attempting to retrieve it, he fell from the car being severely injured. He died shortly after admission to hospital.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

ROMANCE OF ANCIENT FESTIVAL.

HONGKONG CELEBRATIONS.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE THIS YEAR.
(Exclusive to the China Mail.)

Nobody needs to be told that China New Year is approaching. Even those who take the least interest in things Chinese will have noted the dates because of the holidays, the applications for holidays and the hints thrown out by servants regarding *chunshao*.

There is, of course, the annual bazaar, at which Europeans pick up "century-old treasures" for bargains (from the seller's point of view) to which everybody goes on New Year's Eve, the firecrackers which go off before and after the big day and the gaudy clothes. These are the outward visible signs which meet the eye of the stranger in the Flowery Land but there are many other observances with which he of she may not be familiar.

The coming New Year is of special moment as it is the first of a new cycle of sixty by which the Chinese calendar is computed. Also the "Beginning of Spring," or *Lap Tsun* as it is known in Cantonese, falls on New Year's Day.

Last Monday was the 16th day of the last moon of the year and it can practically be said that the preparations for the most gorgeous day of the year commenced then.

What the Crackers Mean.
Accountants in even the most humble business house are working feverishly to get their bills out so that all outstanding accounts can be settled before the year expires. A fallacy exists as to the purpose of the firecrackers on New Year's Eve, it being thought that this denotes a declaration that all debts have been settled. This is not necessarily so. It is merely to mark the passing of another year while the new red cloth and decorations around the signboards are to usher in a prosperous year.

From next Monday onwards the restaurants will gradually close their doors for their annual clean-up and stock-taking. Other trades which do not work up to the last day are the tailors and goldsmiths who will not accept orders now. This means that milady's wants in these directions have already been attended to as it would be fatal not to be in one's best on the day of days. Also no Chinese newspapers are published a week or so before the actual holiday season. Then all those who have remittances to send to folks at home will have done so by now as the couriers and up-country ferries will stop work very soon.

Goddess Chance.
Every year the Macao Chinese lotteries have a special draw which will just give time for the lucky winners to get their prizes and prepare a royal celebration. Others who think it too much trouble to go to Macao have their own flutter here. A couple of early birds were up at the Police Court yesterday when they blandly told the Magistrate that they had been playing "pitch and toss," which is very popular with the lower classes.

Watchful observers who have passed along the site of the coming bazaar will have noticed stray boxes and flower-pots along the pavements. Competition is keen for stall-space and it is the unwritten tradition that these articles mark one's indisputable claim to a pitch. Along other side-streets will be seen men around desks with miniature printing machines. The fashion of having New Year cards blocked on strips of red paper is dying out and the embryo printers reap a veritable harvest.

Yet another sign of the new approach is the number of street performers and jugglers who have migrated overland to escape the severe Northern winters. An influx of beggars will also be noticeable.

Special Dishes.
Just as we used to relish an opportunity to stir the Christmas pudding—a custom which, it is to be regretted, is fast losing ground—Chinese housewives are now busy preparing their special puddings for the celebration. As the markets are closed during the first day, it is

necessary that a stock of dried meats should be laid in. One enterprising merchant has devised a novel method of advertising his eatables. In the shape of a dragon-boat (evolved from a motor-car) replete with gongs, drum and carillon.

"Tooth" Chow.

The second and sixteenth days of each Chinese month are known as "Tooth Festivals," in other words merely pegs on which to hang excuses for a big spread. On Monday, the Chinese had their last "Tooth" chow for the year. In connection with this part of the ceremonies, there are also the "Thanksgiving" to the Guardian of the Oven and the "Seeing out of the Old Year," in both of which *chun-chin joss* and feasting are the principal features. Then there is something else in which everybody takes pride in ability to find bargains, this being the "Purchase of New Year Merchandise." On New Year's day, each shop or household displays an octagonal tray with different confections around a centre of melon-seeds. When one is handed the tray (not unlike our condiment receptacles) one is asked to "grab silver," which is construed as a wish that Wallingford be beaten at his own game. Laying in stocks for the tray, choosing joss paraphernalia and an abundance of everything with which to commence the year are other matters which require care and forethought.

Watchnight Services.
On New Year's Eve, (Monday week) fire-crackers will be heard in one continuous stream in China-town, the big bangs all indulging in a friendly rivalry for the bravest display. In each house, the watch-night services will commence at about ten at night while the Tramway Company runs a late service to Causeway Bay to enable the more devout to carry out their worshiping in the Tin Hau (Empress of Heaven) Temple.

It is at that hour that there will be genuine bargains in the bazaar but care should be taken to avoid a bill in the eye from trees with little pink blossoms in them. Those who have left it till the last moment will be seen struggling home with these "trees" which are prominently exhibited in the hope that there will be a multitude of "hanging bells," by which the flowers are known. The significance of these blossoms is that the more there are the better will be the owner's luck during the year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

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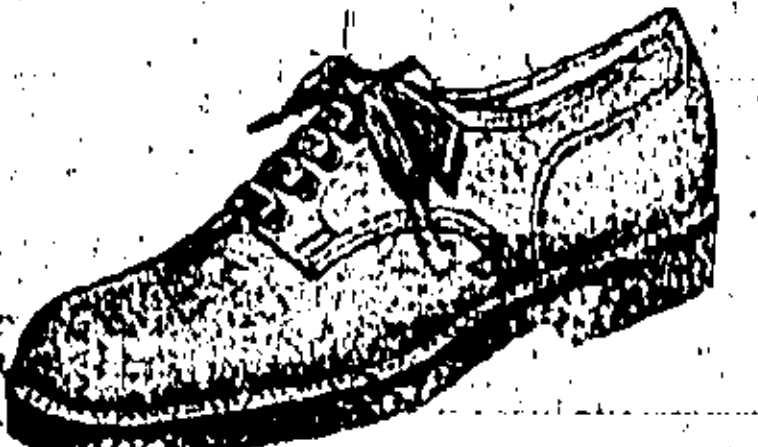
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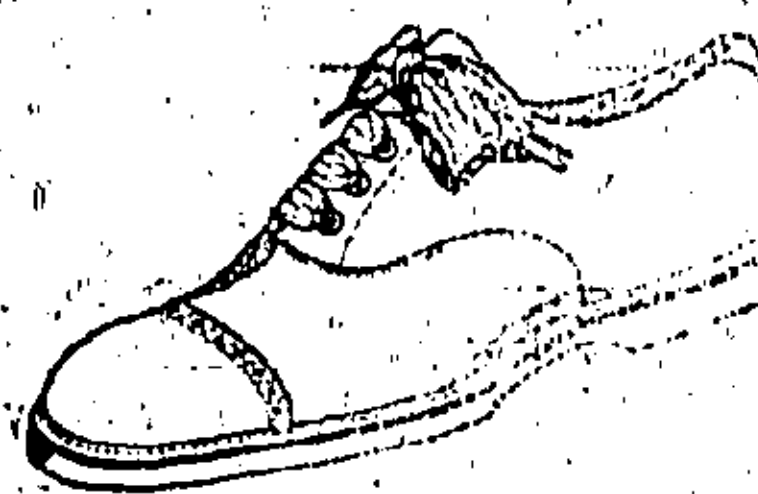
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CHINESE IN SINGAPORE. ONE HUNDRED YEARS' HISTORY.

(Special Book Review.)

[By J. D. Bush, former editor of Peking Leader and Instructor in New York University.]

This chronological record of the contribution by the Chinese community to the development, progress and prosperity of Singapore is a significant and eloquent illustration of what can be expected of the Chinese people under the aegis of a benevolent and enlightened government. Perusing the pages of this voluminous book with profuse illustrations, there is one outstanding feature which it is impossible to overlook, namely, it is true that without the Chinese, the commercial prosperity of Singapore might not have become what it is today. But without the liberal and generously tolerant spirit of the British Nation, the Chinese people in Singapore might not have been able to play the great part in opening up the Colony and Malaya, in developing their resources and in contributing to their prosperity. This, in some way, sounds much like a riddle, propounded by a professor of political economy while in the midst of discussing the vital problem of Capital and Labour, as to whether the egg or the chicken comes into existence first. Whatever arguments we may bring forth on this point, there is no denying the fact that the two are indispensable to each other. The same applies to the Chinese people and the government in the Eastern colonies of the Western Powers. If I may digress a little in this connection, England has shaped her colonial policy along this line of thought far more than other European nations.

Carlisle was right when he attempted to characterise an Anglicised universe and of England in its aspirations for Democracy and Empire in these words: "To this English People in World History, there have been, shall I prophesy, two grand tasks assigned? Huge loomings through the dim tumult of the always incommensurable Present Time, outlines of two tasks disclose themselves, the grand Industrial task of conquering some half or more of this Terraqueous Planet for the use of man; then, secondly, the grand Constitutional task of sharing, in some pacific, endurable manner, the fruit of said conquest, and showing all people how it might be done."

And in the excellent characteristics of the Chinese workmen and immigrants, the British Nation has found a remarkable co-worker. Their patience combined with their frugal and industrious habits can perform wonders under any climate and territory. As an English writer has well observed of the wonderful traits of the Chinese people as settlers and frontiersmen: "They are good agriculturists, mechanics, labourers, and sailors, and they possess all the intelligence, delicacy of touch, and unswerving patience which are necessary to render their first rate machinists and manufacturers. They are, moreover, docile, sober, self-denying, enduring, and peace-loving to a degree. They are equal to any climate, be it hot or frigid. All that is needed is teaching and guiding, combined with capital and enterprise, to convert them into the most efficient workmen to be found on the face of the earth."

Primarily, it was these excellent traits of the Chinese immigrant workers that helped to build up the prosperity of Singapore and most of the colonies of the European Powers. Wherever the Chinese immigrant workers may be—in Panama, Manila, or No Man's Land, in France or in Russia—they are willing to work for such rewards as they may be able to get, and in their willingness and contentment with little, they have manifested their staying-power in the growth of Singapore.

The growth of Singapore during the past century is something staggering to the imagination, when we bear in mind the fact that Sir Stamford Raffles founded Singapore in 1819, and at that time it was merely a small fishing village, and even for a considerable time afterwards its chief importance was that it made a good dumping ground for expelled convicts from India. In the early days, the Chinese of Fukien and Kwangtung Provinces made Singapore and its vicinity one of their ports of call in their trading with the natives. As the Chinese enjoyed more and more of the liberal and benevolent policy of the British Government, they came not only to trade but with the object of settling down and making Singapore their home.

According to the author of this book under review, when Sir Stamford Raffles first planted the British flag in Singapore on February 6, 1819, the population of the island was composed of about 150 fishermen and pirates, with

few, if any, Chinese settlers. Yet on June 11, Raffles was able to write to the Duchess of Somerset: "My new colony thrives most rapidly."

We have not been established four months, and it has received an accession of population exceeding 5,000—principally—and their number is daily increasing.

Within twenty years the Chinese have become the mainstay of the Colony. According to the records that have been compiled in this book, there were 6,000 Chinese all told in 1826 and since then the number has increased from year to year until on February 6, 1919, out of a total population of 300,000, no less than 200,000 were Chinese, the majority of them Straits-born, known as "Babas" and British subjects.

In the early days the life of the Chinese settlers reads somewhat like the great pioneer movement, what is called the winning of the West, in the United States. In the American Continent, the settlers had to consider the problem of pushing back the hostile Indians and absorbing the Frenchmen and Spaniards, while in Singapore, the Chinese settlers had to confront ravages from tigers, which were frequently referred to in the columns of the *Free Press*. It is said that in one instance, "a plantation which had cost the owner \$300 was sold for \$25 in consequence of the fact that the ravages from tigers had been so great there that the plantation had acquired a bad reputation and no labourers could be induced to live upon it. The government reward of \$50 for every tiger brought to the police station, whether alive or dead, was increased to \$100 and later to \$150." Like the American frontiersmen again, the Chinese settlers had to conquer nature and make homes for themselves and their families—trusting much to their own resources.

So much credit is due to the Chinese in the development of the Colony that in less than 30 years, four small Malay States, jungle covered, pathless, unknown, have been turned into flourishing communities, with a total revenue of over £2,000,000 sterling per annum, a trade of £10,000,000 sterling per annum, thousands of miles of roads and telegraphs, water-works—in fact all the machinery of the most modern administration—with no debt of any sort and a balance of over £1,500,000, ready to be spent on further railway extension and other works of development. Then again, the development of the tin mines in British Malaya "in the work of indentured Chinese labourers, and it may safely be said that the same results could not have been obtained with any other class of labour."

Before I am done with this point regarding the germ of persevering industry inherent in the Chinese race and their hopeful capabilities, I am persuaded to quote the words of a British official, who on the eve of departure was presented by the Chinese with a handsome silk umbrella, interwoven with gold thread, said to have cost three hundred dollars:

"Of all the classes of the mixed and varied population of which the community of Singapore is composed, there is none for which I have learnt to entertain a more sincere respect and esteem than the Chinese. Their indefatigable industry, their mutual support of each and consequent success in all their undertakings, their ready skill in adopting the language and manners of the most polished Europeans, their liberality and general benefactions to the poor, their respect for the laws by which their lives, their liberties, and their properties are protected (when once those laws have been fully expounded to them) as well as for the rulers and judges by whom those laws are administered, have stamped the Chinese as the best colonists which the world has produced, and have tended in a high degree to promote the unrivalled prosperity of the Settlement of Singapore."

Some of the lives of the Chinese settlers who started as poor labourers or small traders afford interesting material for a modern Odyssey of personal adventure and hard-won happiness, in fact, some accounts do not differ much from the biography of a Carnegie or a Schwab. I wish I had space for some of them here.

The most perplexing problem confronting the Chinese is to find an effective means of educating the Straits-born Chinese in both English and Chinese together. The British government protects the Chinese and their property, but it is somehow indifferent to their native tongue. Only within comparatively recent years is it that Chinese schools have been established by the rich merchants, but it will be many years before the boys and girls can claim to know the Chinese language and literature. Roughly speaking, the English schools claim 70% of the school children and only 30% are afforded a chance to learn their mother tongue.

The two Straits-born Chinese who have worked indefatigably for the intellectual and moral up-

lift of the settlers and their children are unquestionably Dr. Lim Boon Keng and Dr. Song Ong Siang, the author of the book under review. For twenty years or more the two have worked incessantly in the interest of establishing Chinese schools for boys and girls. Both of these men owe much of their early start in life to the inspiring influence of Mr. Hullett, the Principal of the Raffles Institutions in Singapore. From the beginning, Mr. Hullett had picked out Lim and Song as boys that would distinguish themselves. And sure enough they afterwards won the Queen's Scholarship, which was founded by Sir Cecil Smith, the then Governor who contributed much in promoting the higher education in the Colony.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, B.C.M. (Edinburgh) who recently was honoured by the King of England with O.B.E., who is now the Chancellor of the South Western University in Amoy, has done the most to further Chinese education and at one time he was so anxious to have his countrymen in Singapore speak the national language that he started Mandarin night classes. Dr. Lim is an accomplished linguist, and a prolific contributor to many of the leading European medical and other journals. Song Ong Siang, as a strong supporter and colleague of Dr. Lim has worked hard to improve the status of the Straits Chinese community by helping to establish such institutions as the Chinese Philomatic Society, the Singapore Chinese Girls' School, the Straits Chinese Volunteer Company. In collaboration with Dr. Lim Boon Keng, he produced the Chinese Magazine, which had been a powerful organ for the intellectual advancement of the Chinese in Singapore for eleven years. At the outbreak of the War, he carried on the irksome duties in connection with the mobilisation of the Chinese volunteers to do Guard duty at various strategic posts on the island. He also was the leader in the movement, under the auspices of the Straits Chinese British Association to induce the Straits Chinese as British subjects to render whatever services they were capable of to King and Country "in the hour of sore trial."

There is no question that these two worthy citizens have rendered conspicuous service to the Chinese people and the British Government and certainly deserve an enormous amount of credit, and whom the Chinese at home and abroad ought to be justly proud.

Space forbids citing in this review many other instances of Chinese of great enterprise and thrift and public spirit, how they have been tumbling industriously from the humble beginning of a contracted labourer and rose gradually to the eminent position of being able to create, organize and carry forward to success great undertakings in business and amassed huge fortunes to be able to contribute liberally to the welfare and progress of the Colony and their Vaterland.

Perhaps one of the most honoured Chinese in Singapore is Mr. Loke Yew, C. M. G., who was invested with the honorary degree of Doctors of Laws (LL.D.) of the Hongkong University in January 1917. It was the first instance of the presentation of an honorary degree to an inhabitant of British Malaya. At the time Sir Charles Elliot said, while investing Mr. Loke Yew with the cerise gown, green hood and black cap of the degree:

"The brilliant nature of your career in the Federated Malay States has abundantly demonstrated your intellectual capacity, and the wealth you have acquired, you have largely devoted to educational and philanthropic objects."

Like many other pioneers among the Chinese who have struck the gold vein in the "goldfields," Mr. Loke went to Singapore from South China "at the age of eleven in 1858, a poor lad, to seek his fortune. After four years' hard work (in Singapore) he had saved \$99 and with this opened a shop under the style of Chop Meng Loong, thus laying the foundation of that firm now well-known through Malaya. He was associated in every promising venture and steadily amassed an immense fortune. He settled down in Kuala Lumpur and rendered great service to the F.M.S. Government in opening up the more remote districts of the Peninsula and to the public by his liberal benefactions.

There are also many women who rose to eminence, and perhaps the first lady to receive the honour of Membership of the British Empire was Mrs. Lee Choon Guan from His Majesty the King. "It was a reward she well merited for the very active interest she had taken during the War in various charitable entertainments. During her last trip to Europe she was presented at Court by Lady Tudor. She was commanded to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and, though the gathering was huge, she had the honour of a personal conversation with His Majesty the King and Queen. The King expressed the pleasure it gave him

to see Mrs. Lee Choon Guan in Chinese attire, which he much admired."

Among those who contributed liberally towards the War, Hon. Eu Tong Sen was the first person in Malaya to present a battleplane for the front, "was again first in giving £6,000 for the cost of a Tank—one of these wonderful fighting machines which helped the Allies in winning the War. Dr. Addisori, the Minister of Munitions caused Mr. Eu Tong Sen's gift to have a painting made of it and the painting was presented to him. The tank was specially distinguished by its two eyes, thus giving effect to the Chinese idea of having their boats and junks painted with two eyes because—

"No got eyes, how can see? No can see, how can save? No can save, how can chop, chop?"

I am far from denying that there is no darker side to the life of the Chinese residents abroad, but so long the good outweighs the bad, so much credit is due not only to the Chinese, but to any other race. On this point I am persuaded to quote the words of a British high official who retired from his post in Singapore on February, 1904. Among other things he spoke of the Chinese in a letter that appeared in *The London Times*, he added:

"The Straits Settlements form a British colony where the laws are much the same as in other British possessions, and those who regard the Chinese as a people of peculiar vices, not fit to live in the same country with Europeans, can easily ascertain whether the records of the police and other Courts justify the charge. I say they do not. On the contrary, the Chinese are honest, hard-working, thrifty and sober as people go. They are easy to govern for those who understand them and their value as a source of taxation and revenue is recognized by all those who have had to deal with them."

So after reading through this intensely interesting record of a hundred years' Chinese in Singapore, there is one outstanding thought that is bound to remain fixed in the mind, namely, the splendid pioneering spirit, varied experience and financial resources thus accumulated during the ten decades will one day be brought back to contribute to China's progress and development.

The overseas Chinese have been a great asset to the progress of modern China and will remain so in the years to come. In time of stress, they have not forgotten their Mother Country, like the ancient Greeks in the colonies around the Mediterranean Basin, their one ideal was to perpetuate the name and glory of Athens, and laid the shining steps of the Temple of Freedom.

Just as the early Greek settlers in Asia Minor and Italy who showed the same fearlessness in plotting out the true methods of Science and Philosophy, so the overseas Chinese scattered throughout the Globe, will continue to be the intellectual ferment in the Reconstruction of Modern China.

This book that Mr. Song Ong Siang has so ably compiled will remain long a monument to guide and to inspire future generations. It is all in all an excellent task that the younger generation may emulate. We all work to make this age better in preparation for the next. So be not despondent because there is a huge bank of black clouds in the political horizon of the Chinese Republic. After all, the turmoil and confusion prevailing in the provinces, at present, amounts to nothing more than the teething and measles period before the adolescence. So in closing, I am tempted to cite these words of Ibsen,

"For my part I shall be content, with the result of my life's work, if this work can serve to prepare the spirit for the tomorrow."

No doubt Mr. Song Ong Siang, the author of the first excellent book on the Overseas Chinese, can take comfort in such thought. [One Hundred Years' History of the Chinese in Singapore, by Song Ong Siang, M.A., LL.M. (Cantab), Barrister-at-law, etc. Published by John Murray, Albemarle Street, W. London.]

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ONE IS NOT AS OLD AS ONE'S YEARS BUT AS OLD AS ONE FEELS.

French Octogenarian Tells Secret Of His Longevity.

How to prolong life is a subject of never-failing interest, and those who have attained to advanced years are constantly being asked what has been their secret. Such a question was put recently by a reporter to M. Yvonnaud, 80, Bordeaux, a wonderfully hale and hearty old gentleman of 80 years who resides at 15 bis in the Rue Catechois, Paris.

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